



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

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SOUTH'S
PREMIER
DX CLUB*

December 1996

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION

Tuesday, Dec. 17th, 7:30 PM, Old Hickory House in the Days Inn, Roswell Rd., just inside I-285.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

-Steve Schmidt, K4WA, President

I've always felt the term "DXer" was an acquired title. On several occasions I have been asked, "Are you a DXer?" My usual answer: "I chase DX.." Perhaps with over 280 countries worked, I qualify for the title, but I'm not sure. It's certain that Bruce Montgomery is a DXer; it's equally certain that, with less than 50 countries, I was not. So where's the break point between these two extremes?

Perhaps the title is conferred in casual conversation. "Oh, yeah, K4PI, he's a DXer." Yes, of course. But don't the qualifications of the conferring person come into question in the decision-making process? Perhaps there's a finite hurdle of which I am unaware. Say, at 300 worked, you're officially a DXer. Or is it 300 confirmed? Does the size of one's tower enter the equation? One's operating habits, perhaps? Calling incessantly in a pileup, not listening when the DX is transmitting, should probably disqualify you. Perhaps you have to maintain courteous operating habits to keep the title.

I've just wondered about this on occasion. Maybe when we stop wondering if we are DXers, and decide we are, we've passed the hurdle. Perhaps others wouldn't agree with us, but I suppose it's a personal thing. Sort of like choosing to work the DXCC program with help from nets. You get the same certificate, but some people wouldn't really be proud of it. I imagine the certificate used to be the hurdle, aside from differences over the methodology used to acquire it.

Before packetcluster, internet, DSP, Frequent Flyer programs and the like, the certificate was a more significant hurdle (at least, I imagine it was). It's just too bad we don't have a ceremony.. you know, like the

one they have for newbies the first time they cross the equator on a sailing vessel. Now THAT would be a memorable hurdle.

The results of the 1996 CQWW 160 Contests are out. I've looked them over; the club squeaked and lurched into a second-place finish in the club competition. In the CW results, only 12 stations from Georgia are listed in the Single and Multi Operator entries combined. Pennsylvania had 25 listed in Single Operator alone. I won the state in the High Power category using a dipole at 60', though KM9P waxed me with low power. Any number of you could have taken my certificate.

The SSB results don't look much better, though K4JRB got on for awhile and made a rather impressive showing for a SSB effort. KR4UJ (who now has dropped the R) won the state in the Low Power category. AB4RU (now W4WA.. and hey, what a nice call!) led Georgia in both modes with Multi Operator efforts. We have K4PI to thank for a significant effort from Aruba; without it, we would have dropped considerably in the Club Standings. In both contests, some prominent club members, and 160 operators, are conspicuously absent. Please make a commitment to get on in both contests and rack up some points for the club. Dick Bentley is keeping a list of commitments from the membership. I hereby commit, with K4UJ, to meet or exceed 300,000 points in a Multi Op effort from KP4 in the CW contest, and for an additional 70,000 points from my shack in the SSB contest.

I am pushing for an update to the membership roster, not just to update the vanity changes, but also to correct some serious oversights in the listings for some of our XYLS. My apologies to Evelyn Greenway, Sherry Burdette, Delaine McCarthy, Florence Montgomery and Martha Henson. If I've missed anyone, please let me know.

The December meeting should be a lot of fun. We'll have several nice prizes for the drawing, and a white elephant gift exchange. Everyone should bring a wrapped gift from the shack (or for the shack). Nothing extravagant (unless you (*continued on p2*))

(continued from p1) just want to known as a wonderful person); used and useless items are acceptable, the funnier the better.. just keep it in good taste. Paul has a very informative and interesting program planned. We'll dispense very quickly with any business items. I'm looking for a great turnout and an opportunity to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all my friends. Please don't disappoint me.

-Vy 73, Steve K4WA

FROM THE VP

-Paul Pescitelli, K4UJ, VP

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73 - Paul K4UJ

ROMEO, ROMEO, WHEREFORE ART THOU?

Response from ARRL from a question asked by Dick, K2UFT.

Hi Dick,

We can't say for sure where the operation took place. We have strong doubt it was from within the borders of Myanmar. Certainly if he said he was on an island, that's different from what point he indicated to us on a map. The location he indicated on a map was with a few miles of Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, and China. I have no problem with you using the explanation in the club newsletter.

The problem is not computer programing, but in manpower and budgetary dollars. All Burma contacts not identified by callsign would have to be searched manually in the old record files to verify if they were XYØRR or something else. Then the computer records would have to be searched line by line for those individuals, then an additional computer program would have to be used to take it out. We simply don't have the budget to do so, and I doubt if DXers would be willing to fund it either.

73 Bill K5FUV

(Next month if room, I will print the entire official response from Bill -ed.)

MINUTES

-Randy Tudor, K4ODL, Sec.

SEDXC Meeting Minutes Nov 96

The meeting was called to order by KR4DL Steve. Introductions were made and the guest list was passed for everyone to sign. Minutes approved from the last meeting.

Old business - Membership renewal - please make sure to send your renewal.

New business -Reminder about the CQWW CW test. Work Bob Brockman (WX4G) at P4ØJ. Also, John (K4BAI) will be at 8P9Z. We have some club members working with AA4S on the "Handkey 2 Team" (along with Bill, KM9P). Try to work as much of the TEST as you can and submit your score for the club.

Steve reminded us of the donations for the Heard Island Dxpediton, the club has collected \$140 at this time. Wes (W8FMG) talked about the status of the trip and offered to donate the shirt off his back for a door prize. After Wes gave his shirt, the club donations went to \$521.00. We are over our goal of \$1000.00 with the matching contributions.

Paul, K4UJ, is taking a list of names for new SEDX callsign badges. Let Paul know if you would like to order a new badge to go with that new callsign.

Announcements -

Call	Date	Qsl/Op
XZ1N	Nov. 16-25	W1XT
VKØWG	Nov. 15-?	VK5WG
VKØIR	Jan. 13-27	

TBA Drawing - All funds for the drawing went to the Heard Island Dxpediton - all donations recorded and will be sent with the matching funds.

Program -Paul, K4UJ, introduced the program guest Bill (KM9P). Bill gave a very good program on contesting tips. Bill has been very successful in contesting and he shared his knowledge with the club. We want to encourage all club members to take part in all contest and submit your score for the club.

The 160 test will be coming soon and we would like to WIN this again. We will need help from all club members. Please make plans to work the 160 TEST this season. Thanks to Bill for an excellent program.

-73 Randy, K4ODL

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Nancy Draheim, NK4U

Balance 10/31/96 (Checkbook)	\$2947.34
Income:	\$616.00
Expenses:	
160 plaques	350.25
Heard Island DXpedition	1000.00
Total Expenses	94.50
Balance Checking 11/30/96	\$2213.09

Hope everyone had a good Turkey Day. It's getting cold up in Virginia and I was glad to be home again. Besides that, the grandchildren were costing me too much \$\$\$. You know how (or will someday) grandchildren always know Grandma (Grandpa) are good for whatever they want.

See you at the next meeting.

-73, Nancy NK4U (I kept my call), Treasurer

BEEPS DE K2UFT

-Dick Bentley, K2UFT, Activities Director

Here 'tis. At this rate, if I get enuff scores, I won't have to say anything at all! 73

Beeps de Dick, K2UFT

Thanks to those who heeded the request and submitted scores:

CQWW CW:

Call: K4WA 366 1022 2.79 2899 => 1 2 9 , 7 9 4
SOAB

K4AAA 2758 77052.79 159542 => 5,401,205 SOAB

W4WA 2789 8093 139 4134,467,336 MSAB

K4PI 450 1228 2.73 25 92143,676 SO80

AK4I 105 282 2.69 35 7330,456 SOLP

K2UFT 105273 2.60 21 6423,205 SO80

CQWW SSB

P49I 1606 4695 2.92 22 81483,585 SO80

P40DX 1162 33642.90 55 121592,064 SOAB

KR4UJ 405 1102 2.72 80 210319,580 SOAB

K4OGG 74 202 54 3217,372 SOAB

K2UFT 21 48 2.29 10 191.392 SO80

SS - CW

K4BAI 730 1460 78113,880 SOAB

K4OGG/M 59 118 273,186 SOAB

SS - SSB

K4BA I 421 842 7462,308 SOAB

K4OGG 402 804 7257,888 SOAB

If you want to see your call here, send me a copy of your score sheet, preferably on the Internet to dickb@akorn.net.

Looking forward to competing in the 160 Test at the end of January. Finally got my ladder line inverted L in the air - so far, its a killer receive antenna (heard 5 or 6 JAs on a recent morning) but not much to talk about in the transmit department, but that may be a function of the competition outweighing me (figuratively speaking, of course!) in power and antenna. Don't forget that I'll be looking for your point commitment for the contest at the next meeting - if you can't make the meeting, Email me or give me a jingle at 770-913-3624.

Its not too early to be thinking about this year's DX Dinner during the Atlanta Ham Festival. The event has been sanctioned by the ARRL Executive Committee as the 1997 ARRL Georgia State Convention on June 21 and 22. The location is expected to be City Hall East, the Atlanta Radio Club is awaiting Atlanta City Council approval of the lease agreement. Let's make it a big deal this year with a banquet, guest speaker(s), and even a SEDX booth for the ARRL & Club QSL checkers to sit at!

See you at the meeting!

73 de Dick, K2UFT Activities Chairman

DX TIDBITS

-Rick, N4XXM

I dug into the ARRL 160 CW contest last weekend and it was 3:00 AM before I got a GA multiplier! W4WA (ex AA4RU of course!) was plugging away. Sri about the dupe, I was carried away! Do all the GA stations S&P?

As editor (four years of plaques) the deadline is the biggest problem. Two weeks before the meeting, I need articles. If anybody has a better way, I'm open to suggestions.

CU in the pileups...

-Rick, N4XXM